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SUBJECT: AN EVENING WITH AN EMINENT ARCHEOLOGIST

1. FOREIGN MINISTER DAYAN GAVE A DINNER AT HIS HOME JUNE 27 FOR JOE SISCO WITH AN INTERESTING CAST OF CHARACTERS: RABIN, WEIZMAN, SHOVAL (LIKUD-LA'AM FACTION), CIECHANOVER AND EVRON, AMONG OTHERS.; EVENING WAS FILLED WITH UNDERCURRENTS, AMONG WHICH WAS TENSION STEMMING FROM FACT THAT WEIZMAN'S WIFE HAD NOT BEEN IN DAYAN'S HOUSE SINCE HER SISTER, RUTH, HAD DIVORCED HIM. WEIZMAN AND RABIN SPARRED VIGOROUSLY MOST OF EVENING OVER PEACE PROCESS AND BEGIN GOVERNMENT PROSPECTS. WEIZMAN WAS SELF-CONFIDENT, EUPHORIC, AND LITTLE SHORT OF INSULTING AT TIMES TO RABIN. RABIN HANDLED HIMSELF WITH CONSIDERABLE DIGNITY, AS DID HIS WIFE.

2. AFTER DINNER I WAS INTERESTED BYSTANDER WHILE WEIZMAN ATTEMPTED TO GET RABIN TO AGREE THAT LIKUD AND LABOR POSITIONS ON CONDITIONS FOR PEACE WERE REALLY CONFIDENTIAL

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IDENTICAL. RABIN DID ADMIT THAT THEY AGREED ON (A) NO RETURN TO 67 BORDERS, (B) NO INDEPENDENT PALESTINIAN STATE, (C) JORDAN RIVER AS ISRAEL'S SECURITY BOUNDARY, AND (D) RIGHT OF JEWS TO SETTLE IN OCCUPIED TERRITORIES. WEIZMAN THEN TRIED TO ASSERT THAT THIS MEANT THERE WAS NO DIFFERENCE IN THEIR POSITIONS. RABIN INSISTED THAT TWO SIGNIFICANT DIFFERENCES EXISTED: (A) WHERE SETTLE-

MENTS IS OCCUPIED TERRITORIES WOULD BE AUTHORIZED, AND  
(B) ACCEPTANCE BY PREVIOUS GOVERNMENT OF NECESSITY OF  
WITHDRAWAL FROM POPULATED AREAS OF WEST BANK IN EXCHANGE  
FOR REAL PEACE. TURNING POINTEDLY TO ME, RABIN ALSO  
REITERATED ALLEGATION WHICH HE HAS BEEN ARTICULATING  
FREQUENTLY OF LATE THAT U.S. PUBLIC POSITION ON THESE  
ISSUES HAD BEEN ONE OF PRIMARY CAUSES OF HIS PARTY'S  
DEFEAT.

3. WITH DAYAN I TRIED TO PIN DOWN MEANING OF HIS  
RECENT REMARKS TO BARBARA WALTERS AND TO FOREIGN MINISTRY  
STAFF. HE INISTED HIS MEANING IS QUITE CLEAR: THAT  
SO FAR AS THE WEST BANK AND GAZA ARE CONCERNED, NONE OF  
ISRAELI OFFERS HAVE EVER BEEN ACCEPTED BY THE ARABS,  
AND THAT THEREFORE HE BELIEVES NO FURTHER OFFERS SHOULD  
BE PUT ON THE TABLE BY ISRAELIS WHICH WOULD IMPLY ANY  
FORM OF PARTITION. HOWEVER, HE STRESSED THAT THIS IN  
NO WAY MEANT HE WAS RULING OUT NEGOTIATION OVER WEST  
BANK OR ANY OTHER PART OF OCCUPIED TERRITORIES; RATHER  
HE WAS MAKING CLEAR THAT OTHER PARTIES WOULD HAVE TO  
MAKE TERRITORIAL PROPOSALS, TO WHICH BEGIN GOVERNMENT  
WOULD GIVE FULLEST CONSIDERATION IN LIGHT OF NATURE OF  
PEACE SETTLEMENT PROPOSED IN EXCHANGE FOR TERRITORY.  
DAYAN ALSO TOLD ME HE WOULD BE SPENDING PRACTICALLY  
FULL TIME ON PROBLEM OF PEACE NEGOTIATIONS AND U.S.-  
ISRAELI RELATIONSHIP.

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4. EVRON CONFIRMED TO ME THAT HIS APPOINTMENT AS  
DIRECTOR GENERAL OF FOREIGN MINISTRY WAS NOW FIRM AND  
WOULD BE PRESENTED FOR CABINET APPROVAL JULY 3.

5. WEIZMAN SAID HE DOUBTED VERY MUCH THAT SPECIFIC  
ARMS SUPPLY ISSUES WOULD PLAY A MAJOR ROLE IN  
DISCUSSIONS DURING BEGIN VISIT. CHIECHANOVER CONFIRMED  
THAT BEGIN EXPECTS TO CALL ON SECRETARIES BROWN AND  
BLUMENTHAL. HE, TOO, ASSUMES THAT BEGIN'S DISCUSSIONS  
ON MILITARY AND ECONOMIC ISSUES WILL BE AT HIGH LEVEL  
OF GENERALITY--WITH HIS PRIMARY FOCUS FOR VISIT ON THE  
U.S.-ISRAEL POLITICAL RELATIONSHIP, AND ON THE MIDDLE  
EAST PEACE NEGOTIATION PROCESS AND PROSPECTS.

6. DAYAN AND EVRON GOT WORD BY PHONE LATE IN EVENING  
OF STATE DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN'S STATEMENT ON ME PEACE  
NEGOTIATIONS. THEY WERE CLEARLY UPSET, BUT NONE OF US  
HAD TEXT SO WE AGREED TO POSTPONE DISCUSSION.  
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